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SUBJ: SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UNSYG TO CCD

REFS: (A) STATE 038683, (B) MOSCOW 2585, (C) GENEVA 1292

1. SYG'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT PROHASKA CALLED AMB SCHAUFLE
FEB 25 TO STATE SYG'S INTENTION APPOINT BJORNERSTEDT AS
INTERIM REP TO CCD PENDING US/USSR AGREEMENT ON WHO SHOULD
BE GIVEN PERMANENT APPOINTMENT. ON BASIS REF A
SCHAUFLE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD QUESTION ON ROAD TO RESOLUTION
AS RESULT US/USSR CONTACT IN GENEVA.

2. HOWEVER, WHEN SCHAUFLE RAISED QUESTION WITH SMUN
MINISTER OVINNIKOV LATTER PROFESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE AGAIN REFERRED TO NECESSITY FOR
APPROACH FROM FINNS. WHEN SCHAUFLE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD
FINNS HAD MADE SUCH AN APPROACH OVINNIKOV RETREATED
STATING THAT THEY HAD NOT NOMINATED SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL.
SCHAUFLE REPEATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT FINNS
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PREPARED NOMINATE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE IF US AND USSR

AGREED. OVINNIKOV WAS RELUCTANT EVEN TO RAISE QUESTION WITH MOSCOW ON BASIS THIS USUN APPROACH.

3. FEB 24 BANERJEE MADE PITCH TO SCHAUFEELE ABOUT HIS OWN ASPIRATIONS. SCHAUFEELE SAID HE COULD REFER QUESTION TO WASHINGTON AGAIN BUT USG PREFERENCE IS TO STAY WITH PAST PRACTICE, I.E. FINNS, AND, IN ANY CASE, BELIEVED THAT NATIONAL OF NUCLEAR POWER IN PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT HOLD JOB. BANERJEE SAID HE NOW INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT AND WAS PREPARED RESIGN FROM INDIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FROM WHICH HE NOW ON LEAVE.

4. COMMENT: WE AGREE THAT SOVIETS ARE PLAYING GAMES ON THIS APPOINTMENT AND SUGGEST THAT DEPT RECONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF BJORNERSTEDT IF THIS SEEMS TO BE ONLY WAY OUT OF PRESENT DILEMMA.
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